

Boston, Massachusetts, March 4, 1848.

My dear Miss Carpenter,

The arrival of the Steamship Britannia to-day has brought me your pleasant note from Bridgewater of the 26th January. It enclosed a scraps from Rev. M^r. Armstrong, entitled "A Postscript to Mr. Estlin's Letter", (& which, I conclude, was designed to be sent in as former letter of Mr. E^s) and a note for Jonathan Phillips, Esq., which shall be sent to his house - but not your brother R.'s "few lines to Mr. Parker", which you mention as to be enclosed.

I will cheerfully undertake to aid you in the proposed Memoirs of Dr. Tuckerman. Indeed, I have just finished writing a note to Rev. S. D. Robbins (brother of Chandler R.), who has been for many years in the Ministry at Chelsea, and will be ^{as} likely to have "anecdotes", and recollections of Dr. Tuckerman as any body I can think of, out of his immediate family. I should not be surprised if you do not gather up much ^{of} this ^{kind} ~~story~~. Dr. T. (so far as my knowledge extends) has left me strong impression of his persevering devotedness to the work of enlightening & elevating the poor. But he was a dry kind of a man - (not ~~&~~ that dryness, which accompanies genuine humor, but that which is unproductive of what is sparkling, or striking) - his life, in Chelsea more particularly, I suppose was a very monotonous one, and not marked by incident of any sort. Still, it may turn out to be something quite unlike what I have always supposed. And if anything can be found, which will add to

what is already known & published of his simple, benevolent, & blameless life, I will endeavour to get it into your hands. You have, I suppose, his volume on the Principles & Results of the Ministry - at large in Boston. So I judge from an expression in your note, where you speak "of printed records of his ministry" which you possess. - He has children living, from whom perhaps something could be got.

Sometime since I proposed to Crosby & Nichols, when they should come to bind up the remainder of the edition of the "Meditations" (only one-half was bound at first), that they should print a new Title-page for said remainder, wherein the omission, in the present one (growing out of the haste in getting out the book, whereby my particular instructions were forgotten, respecting the insertion of your name) should be supplied. Yesterday, being in their store, Mr. Crosby said they were about to print the new page, as I had suggested, and will add, by my advice, "By Mary Carpenter of Bristol, England. First American, from the Second English Edition." This, which ought to have been done before, will not displease you, I trust, and will ~~read~~ really, I am sure, be a valuable addition to the book. I am very glad indeed - so will Mr. Crosby be - at learning how well pleased you are with the manner in which the book is got up. I will hand him a minute of the omission in the Index. Whether there, too, can be conveniently supplied, I do not know.

The Bristol boxes have come at last; the one last sent came to hand soon after the close of the Fair; the first one, by the "North Bait", only reached us a fortnight

since - 4 months having elapsed since it left Liverpool. We were very fearful it had been thrown overboard with other goods which had been so doomed, in order to lighten the ship. Some few articles appear to have received some injury from long exposure to dampness - but the more valuable ones ~~are~~, I believe, have come with no injury. Next week there is to be a special Sale, or Anti-Slavery Fair, at the Anti-Slavery Office in Cornhill, for the purpose of exhibiting & selling the Contents of the 2 Bristol boxes. The drawings in the last-received box, by yourself, your sister Anna, and others, surpass all previous ones, I think. They are truly splendid, and elicited loud expressions of admiration from the little company gathered to open the box, and inspect its contents. What labour must have been bestowed by Miss Estlin upon the Scrap Book! I have never seen anything of the kind put together with such skill & taste. But I cannot now recall all the contents, having enjoyed but a very hurried glimpse. Next week, they will be displayed, so that all can see, who wish.

You inquire how Drawings of yours are spoken of as at the Fair, when the boxes did not arrive. They were, I suppose - indeed they must have been - some remaining from the previous year. This has happened in the case of several articles, which, from their real value, the Ladies refuse to sell at prices lower than those marked; and which, rather than so sell, they choose to keep till another year. They are very tenacious in adhering to this course, of not lowering prices; they think it right, & the soundest policy. I confess I think them a little too rigid, sometimes.

I greatly fear that, owing to the unfavorable condition of the "money-market", not much will be realised from our next week's sales. Every one wondered that so large a sum as \$4300. should have been taken at the Bazaar, at that period of a strong money-pressure. That pressure is in no respects abated here; yet we may find something consecrated & set apart to Anti-Slavery purposes.

The Anti-Slavery warfare is a severe one - very onerous still to the few upon whose shoulders the pecuniary burdens fall mainly. Without the British & Irish aid, very little could be done. Massachusetts, with this aid, ^{had mainly} has to sustain the great cause throughout the Free States. Now, in Ohio and in Central & Western New York, the cause has acquired some strength, so as from time to time to go on, of its own strength. F. Douglass has about 1200 subscribers for his paper, I learn - very well to begin with, but not enough to sustain it. He must have 2000, ~~for that~~, at the very least, and he will be likely to get that number, I think, though I do not believe he will exceed it. His experiment is a somewhat hazardous one. I fear he will sink his little capital, though he will not let it be expended wholly for naught.

I was interested to hear of your sister Anna's engagement to Mr. Thomas, of which you made mention in a previous note. I hope & pray that very much happiness is in store for her in her new life, as also for her Mother & Sister and all her friends. You do not say, I think, when the marriage is to take place.

Mr. Quincy perhaps spoke somewhat too sarcastically of Mr. Burritt. But he only expressed a ~~very~~ ^{quite} common opinion here of the want of power & adequacy to the end proposed, of many of Mr. B.'s operations. I certainly think Mr. B. has his place, as a Reformer, but to me it does not seem a bold or very effective one. With sincere regard. Yours Saml. May Jr

P.S. Yours to me of Dec. 3^d. was duly received. That part of it, in which you spoke of your sister's engagement, I sent to Mr. Waterston. Since that I have carried to him the parcel you sent by the first box (rec^d. 2 weeks since.)

The "Liberty Bell" was published before the receipt of your note. Of course, I could do nothing about making the correction you requested in your lines. I find however that one was made, viz. the omission of the word "grovelling" before "ignorance". By this time, I presume, you have received copies of the Liberty Bell, and of the Bazaar Gazette, containing Mrs. Chapman's Notice of the Fair.

I believe I told you that Douglass had ^{determined to} established his paper without consulting Mr.

Garrison about it, though they had been spending weeks together, in journeying & lecturing, in Penn^a. & Ohio. It is only common justice to F. D. to inform you that he says this is a mistake - that, on the contrary, he did speak to Mr. G. about it, just before he was taken ill at Cleveland. Mr. Garrison, however, has no recollection whatever of it. Douglass's paper is a very good one, though I do not yet learn of its making a stir, out of the Anti-Slavery ranks.

In the parcel, which will contain this, I send copies of the Annual Report of the Mass. A.S. Society. It was written by Edmund Quincy, and is a valuable document as preserving the Anti-Slavery history of the year. I also send, by request of William W. Brown (once a Slave in Missouri) a copy of his Narrative for your brother R. L. C. Will he please to accept it, from a fugitive and self-educated Slave? W. W. B. escaped from Slavery when about 21 yrs. old. He is now 33 or 34.

Yours truly, L. M. J.

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